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1. GOT'S COOL REACTION TO TURKISH INTERIOR MINISTER ASILTURK'S  
RECENT PRO-UDI STATEMENT AND INDICATION THAT ITS CYPRUS POLICY  
REMAINS UNCHANGED HAS DAMPENED SOME OF THE PRESS' ENTHUSIASM  
FOR UDI, ENCOURAGED REACTION FROM SMALL LEFTIST OPPOSITION,  
AND PROMPTED FROM DENKTASH A VIGOROUS DEFENSE OF HIS UDI VIEWS.

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ON AUGUST 23 AND 24, FOR EXAMPLE, COLUMNISTS IN PRO-DENKTASH

ZAMAN WERE URGING IMMEDIATE UDI. AUGUST 26 EDITORIALS, HOWEVER, NOTING DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL REACTIONS IN ANKARA, SAID UDI IS A NATIONAL ISSUE AND SHOULD NOT BE SUBJECT OF PARTISAN POLITICS. WHAT IS IMPORTANT, EDITORIAL CONCLUDED, IS TO OBTAIN THE SUPPORT OF THE MOTHERLAND WHEN THE TIME COMES FOR CERTAIN STEPS TO BE TAKEN ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE.

2. LEFT-WING REPUBLICAN TURKISH PARTY, WHICH IN JUNE ELECTIONS WON 12.7 PERCENT OF VOTE AND TWO ASSEMBLY SEATS, WAS MOVED TO REAFFIRM ITS OPPOSITION TO UDI -- THE ONLY NEGATIVE PUBLIC REACTION HERE OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE. PARTY ISSUED STATEMENT SHARPLY CRITICIZING DENKTASH'S UDI STATEMENTS AS INCOMPATIBLE WITH GOT POLICIES, VIEWS OF "CERTAIN TURKISH PARTY LEADERS," AND PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM. THIS TYPE OF (UDI) STATEMENT, PARTY CHARGED, INCREASED TENSIONS, THREATENED PEACE, HURT TURKEY'S FOREIGN RELATIONS, AND DRAGGED TURKEY INTO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISOLATION.

3. DENKTASH, ASKED TO COMMENT ON THESE OPPOSING VIEWS IN WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 26, RESPONDED THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE LEAVING TURK COMMUNITY NO ALTERNATIVE TO SEPARATE INDEPENDENCE, AND CHALLENGED HIS CRITICS TO COME UP WITH A BETTER ALTERNATIVE. EXPLAINED DENKTASH: "WE HAVE NOT PLANNED OR DRAWN UP A PROGRAMME FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF OUR INDEPENDENCE. WE ARE BEING PUSHED INTO FULL INDEPENDENCE BY THE ATTITUDE OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE. THIS IS WHAT WE ARE SIGNALLING...WE ARE STATING THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION MUST ABANDON AT ONCE ITS CLAIM TO BE THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS AND RETURN TO THE CONFERENCE-TABLE UNDER CONDITIONS OF EQUALITY SO THAT THE COURSE OF PROCLAIMING SEPARATE INDEPENDENCE CAN BE AVOIDED. HOWEVER, WE NOTICE NO SUCH INCLINATION ON THE PART OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP. THEREFORE, THE NEED OF PROCLAIMING SEPARATE INDEPENDENCE EXISTS AS A REAL NECESSITY. IT WOULD BE OF USE FOR THE WORLD TO NOTE THIS SINCE WE SHALL NOT RESORT TO FULL INDEPENDENCE FOR NO REASON AT ALL."

4. IN RESPONSE TO SUBSEQUENT QUESTIONS, DENKTASH SAID: "OPPONENTS OF SEPARATE INDEPENDENCE MUST STATE THE ALTERNATIVE SINCE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE CONTINUOUSLY BLOCK-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ING THE WAY TO JOINT INDEPENDENCE. THE ALTERNATIVE IS CERTAINLY NOT THE RECOGNITION OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION. SINCE THIS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION, THE ESSENTIAL STEP TO BE TAKEN IS THE PROCLAMATION OF OUR FULL INDEPENDENCE IF WE ARE LEFT NO ALTERNATIVE...WE ARE MAKING LONG AND DETAILED STATEMENTS ON THIS QUESTION AND EXPLAINING THE PAST AND HOW THINGS REACHED THE PRESENT STAGE, SO THAT OPPONENTS OF OUR SEPARATE INDEPENDENCE CAN SEE THE FACTS

AND REALIZE THAT THE ADOPTION OF THIS COURSE IS NOT OUT WISH  
OR OPTION.Z

5. REGARDING FAMAGUSTA, DENKTASH WAS QUOTED IN ZAMAN AS SAYING THAT "FAMAGUSTA IS AN INSEPARABLE PART OF THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE AREA. NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE AND ECONOMIC MEASURES HAVE BEEN AND ARE BEING CONSIDERED. THE CLAIM OF THE GREEKS TO RIGHTS IN FAMAGUSTA IS RATHER AMUSING. EVALUATION THE SITUATION FROM THE INTEREST OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY, WE SHALL DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY IN OUR OWN REGION. IN OUR VIEW, IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF WHETHER FAMAGUSTA IS OPENED OR CLOSED. FROM THE BEGINNING UNTIL NOW IN SEVERAL PLACES IN OUR REGION THERE HAVE BEEN RESTRICTIONS FOR MILITARY REASONS. FOR THIS REASON FAMAGUSTA HAS BEEN A RESTRICTED AREA UNTIL NOW. AS THE NEED FOR THESE RESTRICTIONS IS REDUCED OR ELIMINATED, FAMAGUSTA WILL BE ENTERED AND SETTLED AS NECESSITATED BY THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION. WE HAVE NO OBLIGATION TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THIS TO THE GREEKS." (PARA 5 IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION.)

6. COMMENT: DENKTASH'S DEFENSE AND ADVOCACY OF UDI HERE ARE AS STRONG AS EVER, BUT WE REGARD THIS NEW STATEMENT AS SOMEWHAT OF A STANDING-DOWN SINCE DENKTASH AVOID COMMITTING HIMSELF TO A SPECIFIC TIMEFRAME FOR USI AND CHALLENGES HIS CRITICS AND THE GREEKS TO GIVE HIM ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE. AS FOR THE FAMAGUSTA STATEMENT, THIS SEEMS A FACE-SAVING AND VINTAGE DENKTASH BLUFF, SINCE HE KNOWS FULL WELL THAT THE TURKISH MILITARY CONTROLS THIS AREA TIGHTLY AND THAT HE CANNOT TAKE SUCH A STEP WITHOUT MAINLAND APPROVAL. HERE TOO, WHILE DENKTASH PERSONALLY SEEMS TO FAVOR RESETTLEMENT OF FAMAGUSTA, HE HAS BEEN CAREFUL TO GIVE HIMSELF AN "OUT" AND TO AVOID ANY SPECIFIC COMMITMENT OR TIMEFRAME FOR RESETTLEMENT.

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